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SUBJECT: 1978 US-EC COLLOQUIA

REF: A) LUXEMBOURG 1017 (NOTAL) B) BRUSSELS 18542 (NOTAL)

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE
INVITATION TO ATTEND APRIL 18, 1978 MIAMI UNIVERSITY/EC
DISCUSSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. IN EVENT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE
FOR HER TO ATTEND, ONE OF HER DEPUTIES, PROBABLY MARK

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SCHNEIDER, WILL COME IN HER STEAD.

2. FOR EMBASSY LUXEMBOURG: WHILE ATTENDING DEC 8-9 NATO
MINISTERIAL, MRS. DERIAN NOTED HER DESIRE TO MEET INFORMALLY
FOR A CANDID EXCHANGE OF THOUGHTS WITH AS MANY AS POSSIBLE
OF HER COUNTERPARTS FROM COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEMBER GOVERN-

MENTS PLUS FINLAND. IDEA HAD BEEN SUGGESTED EARLIER BY MARC SHREIBER, HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISER TO BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO INDICATED BELGIANS MIGHT ORGANIZE SUCH A MULTILATERAL GATHERING. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS NOW THAT USG WOULD HAVE TO SPONSOR MEETING. EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT IS SOUGHT AS TO WHETHER APRIL 18 MIAMI U. DISCUSSION MIGHT BE SUITABLE OCCASION FOR DRAWING MRS. DERIAN'S COUNTERPARTS

TO HALF-DAY OR FULL DAY OF INFORMAL EXCHANGES WITH HER ON USG HUMAN RIGHTS PRIORITIES. WE RECOGNIZE THAT MIAMI U. MEETING WOULD BE DISTINCT FROM THIS AND WONDER WHETHER EC COUNTRIES WOULD BE SENSITIVE TO OUR HAVING CONVENED A SEPARATE HUMAN RIGHTS MEETING FOR COE COUNTRIES ON THE HEELS OF THE EC VENTURE. WOULD THE TWO CONFLICT?

3. FOR EMBASSY BRUSSELS, USEEC AND STRASBOURG: AT HER DEC 8 MEETING AT BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, MRS. DERIAN LEARNED THAT IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY THAT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT COULD BE HOST FOR MEETING SUGGESTED BY MR. SCHREIBER. MRS. DERIAN STILL ENVISIONS SUCH A GATHERING; IF APRIL 18 MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE, BRUSSELS OR STRASBOURG ARE POSSIBLE LOCATIONS. EMBASSY/USEEC RESOURCES IN BRUSSELS OR THOSE OF CONSULATE STRASBOURG WOULD BE REQUIRED TO HELP ORGANIZE MEETINGS. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RESPECTIVE POSTS' CANDID COMMENTS ON FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING THIS ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY CONSULATE
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STRASBOURG'S JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER, AS NOMINAL HOST FOR MEETING, MRS. DERIAN MIGHT AVAIL HERSELF OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE VENUE FOR ACTUAL GATHERING. WE WOULD NOT BE ADVERSE TO COUNCIL BEING HOST, PROVIDED ACTUAL MEETING WOULD BE INFORMAL AND FREE FROM FIXED AGENDA OR STATEMENTS.

4. FOR BRUSSELS/USEEC: PROPOSAL FOR BRUSSELS STOP (REF B) ACTIVELY BEING CONSIDERED, IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER POSSIBLE STOPS IN WESTERN/EASTERN EUROPE. WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS DECIDED.

5. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM LAST PARAGRAPH IN REF A WHETHER SUGGESTION FOR LATE APRIL/EARLY MAY TRIP TO LUXEMBOURG REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO APRIL 18 EC/MIAMI MEETING. IN ANY CASE, IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY THAT MRS. DERIAN WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE SECOND STOP THERE. REQUEST CLARIFICATION.

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